

# "LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mike Callas Jr.

## CHICAGO POKER CAPITAL

Just last week-end a story, carrying a UPI credit line from Chicago, hinted strongly that the slump and downfall of the Chicago Cubs was due, in the main, to "high stake poker playing" by members of Wrigley's team.

The published reports accused Manager Bob Scheffing and General Manager John Holland of being the "house dealers" and the Cub squad as acting like suckers in Las Vegas tourist fashion.

This "action," not conducted in Nevada, was to have taken place each time the club went on the road. And, according to Scheffing, the games came about when there was too much "time to kill."

The ex-Los Angeles skipper explained that the stakes were not out of line as reported in Chicago newspapers. To Scheffing, playing poker was "better than curling up with a good book."

## CUBS NOT A CONDENDER

Actually the Cubs were not going anywhere this year—penitence, that is. Yet, many believed the Cubs would, at least, finish in the first division. Especially after the way they man-handled the Dodgers, Braves and Giants not too long ago.

Were the Cubs going well, little or no talk would have hit the papers unless, of course, were Ernie Banks to lose his 1960 salary to Holland's "full house."

## PLANE RIDE IN ORDER

A story such as related above kinda makes us wonder what kind of poker the boys were playing high up in the yonder blue. Let's try and stretch the imagination a bit.

With apologies to the great horde of fiction writers, let's fasten our Steve Canyon labeled seat-belts and ride along with the "infamous" Chicago Cubs.

## HOLLAND GETS DEAL

SHEFFING: "How about a little game of poker, fellas?" HOLLAND: "Good idea, Bob. Hey stewardess, bring us a table. . . I've got the cards. Ernie (Banks), Don (Elston), Lee (Walls), Alvin (Dark), come on over and bring your loose change."

ERNE, DON, LEE, ALVIN: "Yes, Boss." The table is put into position, the players and the brass remove the "money" from their pockets and it's decided that P.K. Wrigley's various packages of gum (baseball people always carry a year's supply around all the time), count as five cents apiece.

Being the top-rated man, Holland is elected dealer and his game is "draw." He shuffles and hands out the cards in perfect imitation of Gardena's "Nick the Greek." Meanwhile, their jet has just left the Los Angeles traffic pattern, headed for San Francisco.

BOB: "I'll open. Bet two packs of 'Spearmint.'" ERNE: "What a lousy hand. I'm out."

LEE: "I'm in sir—there's my two of P.K." ALVIN: "I left my gum in my suitcase. Here's my dime though."

JOHN: "With your forgiveness, Mr. Scheffing, count me out." JOHN: "Raise you 20 packs of Juicyfruit, Bob."

Everyone that stayed in the game continued, fearful that BOSS JOHN would frown on their early cowardice. Holland calls "how many?" to the group and remains pat himself.

BOB: "Bet twenty." LEE: "I'll see you." DON: "Sorry, Mr. Scheffing and Mr. Holland, I'm dropping out. I'm just a relief pitcher—got to save my gum for those late innings."

JOHN: "Here's my twenty. And I'll raise you twenty."

## JET APPROACHES SAN FRAN

The pretty stewardess comes out of the pilots cabin and announces—"fasten your seat-belts gentlemen, we'll be landing in exactly five minutes."

JOHN: "Tell the pilots it's worth 10 packs of 'Doublemint' to me if he lays out in the bay until we finish this game—I don't want those reporters at the field to see us gambling."

The charming lass informs Mr. Holland that his request is denied after consulting with the high command up front.

JOHN: "Every time I get a good hand somebody spoils it. Keep track of the gum on the table, Bob. We'll finish the game when we leave Frisco. The plan ride takes a bit longer to Chi."

BOB: "Yes, Mr. Holland." Now really, fellow travelers, was this bit of poker playing the cause of the Cubs slumping, or did the newsmen who gathered this story in Chicago have their "heads in the clouds?"

In defense of men like Holland and Scheffing, be it noted here that whenever men gather together and time becomes plentiful—someone's bound to say, "How about a game of cards?" It's that natural!

So, Mr. Scheffing, instead of getting angry with the fourth estate, please feel secure, for had reporters any other kind of criticism of your abilities they would not have blasted you this way.

Don't go looking around for another job, Bob. You're holding four aces and your enemies can't even boast a pair of deuces.

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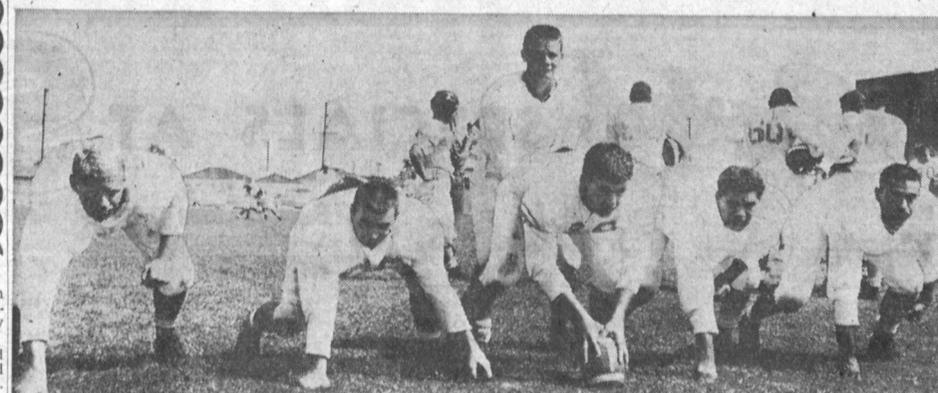
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WARRIOR FLEDGLINGS—First day of practice for El Camino College's 1959 football team found six Torrance men trying out for the squad. Undergoing formation drills are, from left, Bob

Van Calcar, tackle, Bill Montgomery, guard, Dave Christensen, guard, Eddie Jauregui, guard, and Charley Valencia, end; Quarterback Ron Veres waits for the snap of the ball.

## OUTDOORS with MEL

By MEL SALTZMAN

This column is devoted to the poor working man and woman. The rich people were able to go out for the opening of dove season on Tuesday, Sept. 1. It's hard to make a decision whether to go fishing or hunting this week-end.

The yellowtail have really broken open at Horseshoe Kelp and the Islands. They're even catching them in fair numbers on the California Barge at Redondo. The fresh water fishermen have been doing well at Cachuma on bass, although the bass are on the smallside. Even the surf fishermen with a little knowhow are reporting good catches of small halibut and opaleye.

However if you are still determined to hunt the dove in the intense heat (and I know that I haven't discouraged you) here are the best bets:

Imperial Valley—The wardens report good concentrations of mourning dove and some white-wings.

According to the wardens reports, heavy flights of dove are moving in daily and the opening promises to be one of the best in many years. For the few who are new at dove hunting, the recommended load for dove is 7 1/2 or 8 size shot. If the area that you intend to hunt is heavily hunted you should use high base 7 1/2 because you won't be kicking too many birds up from under your feet.

You're allowed to start hunting 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. The bag limit is 10, with 10 allowed in possession. This includes either mourning or white-wings in any combination. The four dollar license is necessary for dove hunting. Remember that all youngsters under 16 must have a hunting license, and they must present a license from the prior year or a certificate of competency issued after a course of instruction. For more information call Mel at FA 8-2173.

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## Six Torrance Men Begin Practice With Camino Team

Football practice at El Camino College got underway yesterday, with Coach Norm Verry's charges running through basic contact work.

Blocking and tackling demonstrations were given by the Warrior staff, and candidates for the team drilled in fundamentals of defense.

On Tuesday, team members posed for press photographers and took their annual physical examinations.

Among the prospective pigskinners trying out for the Camino team are the following Torrance men:

Bill Montgomery, 1839 Renosa Dr., guard; Bob Van Calcar, 236 Calle Miramar, tackle; Charley Valencia, 25209 Denny Rd., guard; Ron Veres, 2768 Onrado, quarterback; all graduates of Torrance high school.

Dave Christensen, 325 Via Linda Vista, guard; and Eddie Jauregui, 18505 Haas Ave., both from North high.

The Warrior football season begins Sept. 26 against Oregon Tech in a night game in the El Camino Stadium.

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## Early Fall Fishing Starts This Week

An early start of the 1959 fall fishing season was inaugurated this week at Redondo Beach with the scheduling of a "rockcod special" boat to the deep water banks in the South Bay fishing grounds.

Manager Gordon McRae assigned the boat "City of Redondo" to the task of working the prolific rockcod banks off Redondo. The run is carded for 12 noon daily. Since its initial run last week, limit catches have been the rule on each of the trips.

At the same time McRae also announced the Monday through Thursday "special 2 for 1" barge offer—which allows either women, or children, to fish on any (or all) of the three barges in service for free, when accompanied by an adult paid fare—will go through the rest of the summer season.

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## Supervisor Outlines Sports Arena Policy

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced today that the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission has adopted a fair employment practices policy which prohibits discrimination because of race, color, or creed in the presentation of events in both the Coliseum and the new Memorial Sports Arena.

"This means that there can be no discrimination in the hiring of any persons for any of the events to be held in the sports Arena of the Coliseum," Hahn added.

He said that it would apply to all personnel hired by promoters of events, including cashiers, ticket-takers, ushers, custodial help, repairmen, maintenance crews and all other employees.

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 Oct. 2—at Modesto  
 Oct. 10—Long Beach  
 Oct. 17—at L. A. Valley  
 Oct. 24—Santa Monica  
 Oct. 31—L. A. Harbor  
 Nov. 6—at East L. A.  
 Nov. 14—San Diego (2 p.m.)  
 Nov. 21—at Bakersfield

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 Sept. 25—San Bernardino  
 Oct. 2—at Citrus  
 Oct. 10—at Bakersfield  
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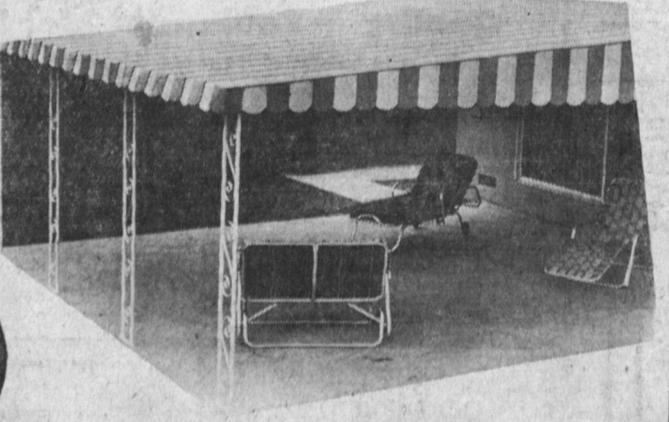
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